

Remarks

The present Amendment adds dependent Claims 30-47 to allowable independent Claim 28. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added to the present application, and no new issues of patentability are raised by the addition of these dependent claims as each of the additional dependent claims is allowable as a matter of law as depending from an allowable independent claim, notwithstanding their independent recitation of patentable subject matter. The Applicants also assert that each of the dependent Claim 30-47 are supported by the specification of the Applicants patent application as well as by the drawings referenced therein. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the entry of this present Amendment prior to the issuance of the present application. Entry of the foregoing amendments before issuance of a patent on the present application is respectfully solicited. If there are any questions or issues that can be resolved by a telephone conference or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (404) 853.8253.

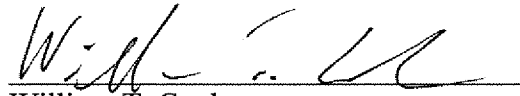
If a decision is made not to enter the foregoing amendments in whole, the Applicants respectfully request entry in part of those amendments for which the Examiner decides entry is proper per MPEP § 714.16(e).

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Conclusion

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those which may be otherwise provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-5029.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William T. Cook", written over a horizontal line.

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